

Amendments to the Specification:

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Please replace the title on page 1 with the following new title:

A1
PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD FOR IMPROVED PLAYBACK
RESOLUTION HAVING FLUX GENERATING ELEMENTS PROXIMATE THE READ
ELEMENT.

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 9, beginning at line 29 with the following
rewritten paragraph:

A2
The first magnetic flux generating element 152 transmits a magnetic flux, as represented by arrows 168, from the inner magnetic element 153. The magnetic flux 168 flows from an air-bearing surface 170 of the recording head 144, and specifically from the air-bearing surface of the element 153, into the recording layer 162 of the recording medium 160 and into the soft underlayer 164. The magnetic flux 168 travels within the soft underlayer 164 and passes back through the recording layer 162 and flows into the outer magnetic element 155 of the first magnetic flux generating element 152. The flux path continues from the outer magnetic element 155 through the yoke 157 and back to the inner magnetic element 153. Similarly, the second magnetic flux generating element 154 transmits a magnetic flux, as represented by arrows 172, from the inner magnetic element 159. The magnetic flux 172 flows from an air-bearing surface of the inner magnetic element 159 into the recording layer 162 and into the soft underlayer 164. The magnetic flux 172 travels within the soft underlayer 164 and passes back through the recording layer 162 and into the outer magnetic element 161. The flux path continues from the outer magnetic element 161 through the yoke 163 and back to the inner magnetic element 159. It will be appreciated that the direction of flow or polarity for the flux ~~68~~ 168 or the flux 172 may be reversed in accordance with the invention.